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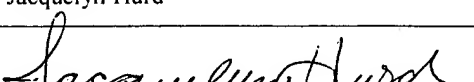
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COMMENT UPON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 14, 2005, to the extent the Examiner's statements differ from a mere restatement of the claim language, Applicants traverse those statements. Applicants further traverse the statements and reasoning of the Examiner insofar as it would lead to or suggest an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded by established law in the absence of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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Regarding the Statement's summary of the Board's grounds for reversing the Examiner's rejection of all the pending claims, Applicants note that the Board of Appeals of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, upon consideration of the original application, appealed claims, prior art of record, and briefs submitted by both the Applicants and the Examiner, concluded that the claimed invention, represented in the pending claims 1-18 and 20-50, was indeed patentable. The findings of the Board of Appeals are available for consideration in full by the public and therefore need not be summarized. Applicants further traverse the assertions within the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance inasmuch as those assertions do not directly recite, and therefore appropriately address, the elements of the claims, the teachings of the cited references and/or the complete grounds for the Board's decision.

Respectfully submitted,



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